Mobile phone towers

1640. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that illegal cell phone towers have been set up without mandatory clearance from civil agencies throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has formulated any policy regarding setting up of mobile towers on the ground and roof tops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY): (a) to (c) Erection of cell phone towers in cities and towns is regulated by the urban local bodies. Ministry of Urban Development does not maintain data regarding clearances issued by these bodies for setting up of cell phone towers or unauthorized towers. Only Siting clearances for installation of antenna towers are issued by SACFA (Standing Advisory Committee on Frequency Allocation) from the point of view of flying hazards and obstruction to any microwave link. The Ministry of Urban Development has not formulated any policy regarding setting up of mobile towers on ground and roof-tops.

Rohini 1981 scheme of DDA

1641. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA has not been able to allot plots to even priority categories like defence personnel, SC/ST, retired or retiring personnel etc. to Rohini 1981 scheme Registrants despite Government promise to liquidate waiting list by 2005-06;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) the number of plots allotted in different categories since 1st April, 2006; and

(d) the target set to liquidate the pending list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY): (a) and (b) DDA has stated that there is no backlog in allotment of plots to reserved category registrants such as the widows of defence personnel killed in action, and persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in the Rohini Residential Scheme, 1981 and there are 25,298 registrants waiting for allotment as given below: